

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW RACE OF THE WHITE-EYE
(*ZOSTEROPS PALPEBROSA*).

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I have had occasion recently to study the White-eyes of India in connection with the fine series obtained by Mr. LaPersonne in the Vernay Eastern Ghats Survey and by Mr. Salim Ali in the Hyderabad and Travancore Surveys. I find that the specimens obtained in various ranges of the south-eastern ghats, viz. the hills in extreme south-eastern Hyderabad (Mananur and Farahabad) and the Nallamallais, the Shevaroy's and the Chitteri range in the Madras Presidency cannot be attributed to either *Zosterops palpebrosa palpebrosa* (N.-E. India), *Z. p. occidentis* (N.-W. India) or *Z. p. nilgiriensis* (S.-W. India). The upper parts are a very clear yellow-green, yellower even than in *occidentis*, the bill is very small and fine, and the lower parts have very little of the dark wash noticeable in the other races. This form approaches the Ceylon form *Z. p. egregia* but can be separated from it by being neither quite such a rich golden yellow above, nor so deep a yellow on the throat, and by the finer and shorter bill. The bill in *egregia* measures 12-13 mm., the majority being 13 mm., whereas in this new race 10 males have the bill 11.5 to 12 mm. in length. For this new race I propose the name

ZOSTEROPS PALPEBROSA SALIMALII subsp. nov.

Type.—Hyderabad Survey No. 166. ♀ 18-10-1931, Farahabad 2,688 ft., S.-E. Hyderabad (deposited in the British Museum).

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